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LAST week conditions and environments gave us the opportunity and blessing of looking backward and commenting upon our past record and achievements, and this week, having crossed the threshold of a new year we are privileged in looking forward to gather fresh hope and courage for the contest that confronts us. Our paper, the oldest in our denomination in this country and with one exception the oldest race journal now published, enters upon its twenty-sixth year with bright prospects for the future, and with a new determination to do better service than ever before. Our policy is unchanged, and while we shall be loyal to denominational affairs we shall not be unmindful of race interests, because in this every Negro should be deeply concerned. Where we have means and the opportunity we desire to make improvements and enlarge our ability for doing good and in this if we have the support of our readers we will be doubly blessed. The student is said to be the best advertisement for a school, and so with race papers—the readers are the best representatives, and to each and every one of them we appeal for cordial support this year. Our contemporaries have always been our strong support and our relations must be just as friendly and cordial as in the past. With this kindly sentiment we tip our hat to 1904 and wish all a

## HAPPY NEW YEAR.

FROM current comments it is evident that the Suffrage League Convention organized in Washington City two weeks ago is intended to supplant or antagonize the Afro American Council which was organized several years ago, having the same objects in view and composed of some of our most public spirited and representative men. The argument is made that the Council has not accomplished its purpose and that it is dominated by men who are objectionable to some of the leaders in the new movement. The first objection is true and it will possibly be true of new organization in time, but that will not argue that an honest and earnest effort has not been made to accomplish that end. The second objection is frivolous and could be urged with as much prosperity against the new organization for the time will never come when some one will not object to those who manage and control its affairs just as they will to those who control other organizations. These objections are usually more imaginary than real and are the outgrowth of jealousy or envy and not always made for the good of those most concerned. There is no reason to believe that the persons who control the new organization are more earnest, conscientious, efficient and unselfish than those who manage the Afro American Council.

It has been our contention for many years that the encouraging of the lynching habit would develop the spirit of lawlessness un-

til it would show itself in other directions and become a menace to law and order in any community. This was displayed last week in Pineapple Ala. where a mob after lynching a colored man undertook to destroy the evidence of its guilt by burning the jail. The jail was set on fire which was communicated to the adjoining buildings and in this way a loss of \$35,000 was brought upon the property holders of the place as a result of a lynching which could have been prevented no doubt if there had been a disposition to do so. A liberal reward has been offered for the apprehension of the law breakers but had not the property been destroyed little attention would have been paid to the destruction of a human life.

In a terrible fire and panic in the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, last Wednesday afternoon nearly 600 people were burned and trampled to death and more than half as many more injured. The fire originated on the stage and though the alarm was given and the people urged to be cool and collected they lost control of themselves and rushed to an awful and shocking death.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Welcome to 1904.

A Happy New Year.

Rev. E. T. Fishback of the Corinthian Church, Frankfort, Ky., has resigned.

The Kentucky Legislature will meet in regular biennial session next Monday.

Begin the new year by sending in your subscription if you happen to be in arrears. Read the label on your paper.

Rev. W. J. M. Price, of Lawrenceburg, Ky., has been called to the pastorate of the Bethel Baptist Church, Maysville, Ky.

Rev. C. D. Douglass, D. D., pastor of the Main St. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., has accepted a call to Galesburg, Ill., and will assume his new charge Sunday, Feb. 7th.

The City Council of Winchester, Ky., has refused to issue license to the saloons in that city and as a consequence they are closed. The matter will be taken into the Courts.

The First Baptist Church, Versailles, Ky., celebrated the twenty-seventh anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. C. Smith, D. D., last week with appropriate services.

Mr. Peter Vickers, who recently died in Coffee county, Ga., aged 60 years, was one of the richest colored men in that State. He owned at least 30,000 acres of land and was worth about \$70,000.

Rev. P. H. Kennedy, D. D., General Missionary for Kentucky, will conduct a New Era Institute with the Norris Chapel Church, Henderson, Ky., next Wednesday Thursday and Friday. Pastors and workers in that vicinity are urged to be present as an excellent programme has been arranged for the meeting.

The American Bible Society has made its 87th annual report. Last year it published nearly 2,000,000 copies of the Bible or parts of it, the greatest number it has ever published. Half of these were in English, the other half in almost every language under the sun. In Syria the demand for Arabic Bibles crowds their presses to the utmost, and in China the demand is much greater than the presses can supply.

## THE STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The 27th annual session of the State Teachers Association convened in the A. M. E. Z Church at 13th and Broadway Monday afternoon, December 28th, and was called to order promptly at 2 o'clock by President F. L. Williams. The opening song was rendered by Seventh grade pupils of the Western School under the direction of Miss Mamie E. Maxwell. Rev. G. B. Walker addressed the throne of grace and the enrollment of teachers was made. A musical number was then sung by the Eighth grade of the Western School under the direction of Miss G. G. Moore. The opening addresses were delivered by Profs. G. P. Russell, W. H. Perry, of Louisville, C. W. Reynolds, of Maysville, upon "How may Schools be improved." The next address was by Prof. Reuben Post Halleck upon "Moral Training as the Chief Practical Aim of the Teacher." The addresses were all well delivered and were warmly discussed.

## EVENING SESSION.

When President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock the church was crowded to the doors and standing room was at a premium. After the opening song Rev. Joseph Courtney, D. D., offered prayer. The address of welcome—earnest, cordial and impressive—was delivered by Miss M. S. Brown, and the response by Miss Mary A. Titus. The association was favored with a well rendered duet by Misses Ella B. Russell and Willie B. Cooper. Prof. Kelley Miller having failed to reach the city in time to fill his place on the programme, the evening was devoted to having impromptu addresses from Profs. J. S. Hathaway, C. C. Monroe, J. R. Harris, W. H. Fouse, Dr. W. H. Ballard, Mr. Chas. Stewart, Profs. G. P. Russell, C. F. Sneed, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Mrs. L. B. Sneed. All the addresses were practical and instructive. The pupils of the High School rendered two beautiful selections. President Williams delivered the closing address, when the benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. C. Clements.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

"Jesus Lover of My Soul," the opening song, was announced promptly at 9 o'clock when the second day's work of the Association was begun. Rev. J. E. Wood of Danville offered prayer. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with and the first subject for discussion, "Manual Training in the Elementary Schools," was opened by Prof. J. H. Garvin, of Winchester. The paper was most generously approved by those who followed in the discussion. Prof. W. H. Gibson, a pioneer teacher in Louisville before the war, was introduced by Prof. W. P. Annis. After a short recess pupils of the California school, under the direction of Miss Lucy N. DuValle, rendered two songs in a very pleasing way. "Nature Study in the Elementary Schools—aims, scope and value," was the next theme for discussion and it was opened in a forceful address by Prof. C. C. Monroe, of Owensboro. This was followed by a well prepared and comprehensive paper in "Nature Study in High Schools" by Prof. C. W. Houser. Some time was spent in a most profitable discussion of the subjects. After the announcement of the committees the Association adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. B. Allen offered prayer. Several teachers were enrolled before the first subject "How Training of School and Home may be Correlated" was opened in a spirited address by Mrs. Barbara E. Courtney of Lexington. This was followed by Rev. J. E. Wood, of Danville, upon "How Training of School and Church may be Correlated." The last phase of the question, "How may Training of

School and Life be Correlated," was discussed by Prof. C. F. Sneed. The pupils of the Eastern School then rendered a song impressively, after which a recess was taken to allow a photographer to take a picture of the Association. When the Association re-convened Prof. A. E. Meyzeek read a very pointed paper on "How the Course of Study may be made to Contribute to the Development of Character." Prof. J. S. Cotter gave a pleasing address on "Story-telling: Value and Method." The original points and suggestions were amusing and instructive. A number of recommendations submitted by the President was referred to a special committee. Revs S E Smith, D. D., J. H. Frank, D. D., J. Courtney, D. D., G. C. Clements and Dr. M. F. Robinson were introduced and addressed the Association before the hour of adjournment.

## EVENING SESSION.

In order to furnish larger accommodations for the great crowds which have attended the Association the evening session was held in Quinn Chapel and it was filled with an appreciative audience. Rev. J. H. Frank, D. D., offered the opening prayer. Two musical selections followed, a vocal solo by Mrs. M. L. Bonner and a piano solo by Miss Mamie E. Smith, were highly enjoyed. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Prof. L. V. Dodge, of Berea, on "Character Building." A well executed Chorus by the Oratorio Society, a charming duet by Mrs. Lizzie Evans and Miss Mary V. Hicks, and a posing exhibition by Miss Lucretia M. Gibson ended the interesting programme—Profs. Kelly Miller, of Washington, D. C. and G. W. Carver, of Tuskegee, were introduced and benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. T. Morrow.

## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The closing day of the Association showed no waning of interest in the proceedings. The pupils of the Maiden Lane School sang the opening song under the direction of Prof. A. H. Payne. On motion of Prof. W. P. Annis the President and Secretary were empowered to have the best papers read during the session published in such papers as they may select. Mr. Isaac Hathaway favored the Association with a recitation which was much enjoyed and Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Douglass sang a duet. The feature of the session was the excellent address of Prof. G. W. Carver, of Tuskegee, upon "Agricultural Training." He kept the large audience interested in his illustrations and striking similes until the close of his address and was roundly applauded. Upon recommendation of the committee the following officers were elected:

President: F. L. Williams, Covington.  
Vice Presidents: C. C. Monroe, Owensboro, G. P. Russell, Lexington, Miss G. G. Moore, Louisville.  
Secretary: W. C. Jordan, Bardstown.  
Treasurer: Miss Maggie Broadbush, Richmond.  
Historian: A. L. Garvin, Harrodsburg.  
The closing remarks were made by Prof. W. H. Bartholomew.

## THE CLOSING SESSION.

The last session of the Association was as largely attended as any of the previous sessions and the enthusiasm was unabated. The first topic for discussion was "The Colored Teacher: His Opportunities and Responsibility for the Enlightenment, Development and Ennoblement of the Race," and was discussed by Profs. W. B. Ferguson, N. A. Fleming and Miss Lydia Adams. The addresses were full of encouragement and clearly outlined the wholesome influence the teacher may exert in his work. One of the most inspiring addresses was then delivered by Prof. Kelly Miller, of Washington City, upon "Effective Education," who was listened to with rapt attention. The reports of the committees on the President's Recommendations

and Declaration of Principles were then made and after an animated discussion adopted. The Association then adjourned.

## THE BANQUET.

The largest and most enjoyable social gathering of the week was the elaborate banquet given Wednesday evening at Odd-Fellows Hall by the teachers of Louisville and Jefferson County to the visiting teachers. Covers were laid for 250 persons and the menu was such as would tempt the most exacting appetite. The guests assembled early and at 9:30 o'clock the grand march was announced and every guest seated at the same time. During the supper toasts were delivered as follows: "Our Guests," Prof. A. E. Meyzeek; "Our Hosts," Prof. J. S. Hathaway; "Woman—Her Influence and Sphere," Prof. C. C. Monroe; "Our Country," Prof. J. H. Garvin; "Our Profession," Mrs. Lizzie B. Fouse; "Influence of the Press on Popular Education," Prof. W. C. Jordan; "Our Patrons," Prof. Isaac Fisher; "Influence of the Pulpit on Popular Education," Rev. Geo. C. Clements; "Our Boys and Girls," Mrs. Lavinia B. Sneed; "Retrospect and Prospect," Prof. F. L. Williams. The introductions by Prof. W. H. Perry who acted as toastmaster were happy and witty and the responses were appropriate and suggestive. Parting words were given by Profs. Kelly Miller and G. W. Carver before the banquet was concluded.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Rosealene Barton died December 19th after fifty years service as teacher in the Sunday-school of the First Baptist church Lexington. There are many men who are now advancing in years who as boys sat under the instruction of this good woman and she always taught a class of boys.

"One vacant seat in Sunday-school A name missed from the teachers roll

And to the grand immortal host Is added one more faithful soul.

No empty words, but labors mark her day

A faithful Annie at the temple door

Her mission was to teach the youth the way Of truth and life for evermore.

How many generations call her blessed?

How many childish heart breathes forth a sigh?

And those older grown love her none the less

All bid her a reluctant last goodbye.

Though gone and resting from her toils Her works will follow on and on With jewels numbered by her ardent deed

Her crown O beauteous crown. MRS. ROSA E. C. EDMONDS.

## CITY CHURCHES.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the Fifth St. and the Emmanuel Baptist Churches next Sunday afternoon.

A public meeting will be held at Lampton St. Church next Sunday afternoon in the interest of the Red Cross Sanitarium. There will be addresses and music and all friends are invited.

The Bland Street Church will begin revival services this evening. Pastor Brents will be assisted by Rev. B. J. Hines during the meeting.

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